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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/596,441	Applicant(s) DERRA ET AL.	
	Examiner IRAKLI KIKNADZE	Art Unit 2882	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 June 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Preliminary Amendment filed on June 14, 2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 15-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 15, the phrase "energy can be transmitted" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "can" are part of the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 16, the phrase "carriers can be released" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "can" are part of the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 25, the phrase "gas can be introduced" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "can" are part of the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 26, the phrase "radiation can be introduced" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "can" are part of the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 29, the phrase "radiation can be introduced" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "can" are part of the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 30, the phrase "delay can be set" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "can" are part of the claimed invention.

Claims 17-24, 27 and 28 are rejected by virtue of their dependence.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

5. Claims 15-30 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

With respect to claims 1-14, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a method of generating in particular EUV radiation and/or soft X-ray radiation emitted by a plasma formed by an operating gas in a discharge space, which space comprises at least a radiation emission window and an electrode system with at least one anode and at least

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one cathode, which system transmits electrical energy into the plasma by means of charge carriers introduced into the discharge space, characterized in that at least one radiation generated by at least one radiation source is introduced into the discharge space for making available the discharge carriers as claimed in combination with all of the remaining limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Vaudrevange et al. (US PAP 2006/0113498 A1) and Jonkers et al. (US Patent 7,427,766 B2) teach the plasma radiation sources.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IRAKLI KIKNADZE whose telephone number is (571)272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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